

DOCKET NO. 8229-014-27



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Krishnaswamy RAMKUMAR, et al. ART UNIT: 2813

SERIAL NO.: 09/975,256

EXAMINER: David L.
Hogans

FILING DATE: October 12, 2001

RCE Filed: December 11, 2003

FOR: METHOD FOR GROWING ULTRA THIN NITRIDED OXIDE

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
PO BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated January 14, 2004, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.



Image

PIPER RUDNICK ^{LLP}
1200 NINETEENTH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20036-2412
TELEPHONE: 202-861-3900
FACSIMILE: 202-223-2085

DOCKET NO.: 8229-014-27

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
PO BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

Re: Serial No.: 09/975,256
Applicant(s): Krishnaswamy RAMKUMAR, et al.
Filing Date: October 12, 2001
For: METHOD FOR GROWING ULTRA THIN NITRIDED OXIDE
Group Art Unit: 2813
Examiner: David L. Hogans

SIR:

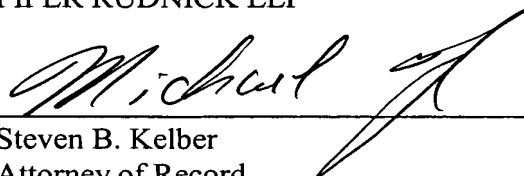
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Amendment
Affidavit Under Rule 1.132 (1 Page, Executed Copy)
Cited Documents (12)

Our check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

PIPER RUDNICK LLP



Steven B. Kelber
Attorney of Record
Registration No.: 30,073

Michael Ye
Registration No.: 47,195